

## **Steps to SKILL ASSESSMENTS:**

- **Breakdown the skill to be taught and make a list of its “critical elements.”**
- **Create meaningful, age-appropriate cues. Novel cues can aide retention.**
- **When teaching a skill, display a poster with a list of “critical elements” for that skill. Refer to the checklist as you teach each skill.**
- **Create a checklist of essential elements for students to assess individually, in pairs, small groups, or for teacher use.**